

1. (Currently Amended) Wound drainage device for using reduced pressure to discharge exudate originating from a wound, which device comprises a housing which comprises a vacuum chamber for receiving a collection container with a feed opening for collecting exudate, and means for generating a reduced pressure in the space between the inner wall of the vacuum chamber and a collection container which is accommodated therein during operation, wherein the said means for generating a reduced pressure comprise gas-transformer means ~~(30)~~ for using pressurized gas to form a reduced pressure, which means on the pressure side are in communication with a pressure-resistant gas compartment ~~(18)~~ and on the vacuum side are in communication with the vacuum chamber ~~(14)~~, the gas compartment ~~(18)~~ being provided in the housing ~~(12)~~ and having a coupling ~~(24)~~ for connection to an external gas source.

2. (Currently Amended) Wound drainage device according to claim 1, wherein the coupling ~~(24)~~ can be selectively connected to a gas compartment ~~(18)~~ and the gas-transformer means ~~(30)~~.

3. (Currently Amended) Wound drainage device according ~~one of the preceding claims~~ to Claim 1, wherein a removable inner container ~~(32)~~ is arranged in the vacuum chamber ~~(14)~~, and the gas-transformer means ~~(22)~~ are in communication with the space between the inner container ~~(32)~~ and a collection container ~~(16)~~ which is positioned in the inner container ~~(32)~~ during operation.

4. (Currently Amended) Wound drainage device according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~ Claim 1, wherein the wound drainage device comprises a modular configuration.

5. (Currently Amended) Wound drainage device according to claim 4, wherein the modular configuration comprises a two-part housing (~~12a, 12b~~), at least one gas compartment (~~18~~), a vacuum chamber (~~14~~) and a mounting plate (~~100~~) having at least the gas-transformer means (~~30~~) as components to be assembled.

6. (Currently Amended) Assembly of a wound drainage device for using reduced pressure to discharge exudate originating from a wound, which device comprises a housing which comprises a vacuum chamber for receiving a collection container with a feed opening for collecting exudate, and means for generating a reduced pressure in the space between the inner wall of the vacuum chamber and a collection container which is accommodated therein during operation, wherein the said means for generating a reduced pressure comprise gas-transformer means for using pressurized gas to form a reduced pressure, which means on the pressure side are in communication with a pressure-resistant gas compartment and on the vacuum side are in communication with the vacuum chamber, the gas compartment being provided in the housing and having a coupling for connection to an external gas source according to one of the preceding claims 1-5 and a collection container for collecting exudate

originating from a wound, comprising a flexible receiving container (16) which is in communication with a feed (70) for conveying exudate from the wound to the receiving container (16).

7. (Currently Amended) Assembly according to claim 6, wherein the vacuum chamber (14) is provided with an opening, and the collection chamber (16) comprises a cover (50) for closing off the opening.

8. (Currently Amended) Assembly according to claim 7, wherein the cover (50) comprises a closure rim (52), such that the cover (50) can be positioned on the opening of the vacuum chamber (14) in a unique way.

9. (Currently Amended) Assembly according to claim 8, wherein the closure rim (52) is in the shape of an ellipse composed of two ellipse parts (53) of different eccentricity which adjoin one another.

10. (Currently Amended) Assembly according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~ 7-9 Claim 7, wherein the cover (50) is provided with a closable feed opening (58) for supplying auxiliary substances, which feed opening (58) is in communication with the receiving container (16).

11. (Currently Amended) Assembly according to claim 10, wherein the feed opening ~~(58)~~ is provided with a septum ~~(96)~~.

12. (Currently Amended) Assembly according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~ ~~10-11~~ Claim 10, wherein a lid ~~(60)~~ is provided for closing the feed opening ~~(58)~~ again.

13. (Currently Amended) Assembly according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~ ~~10-11~~ Claim 10, wherein a breakable lid ~~(60)~~ is provided for protecting the feed opening ~~(58)~~.

14. (Currently Amended) Assembly according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~ ~~6-13~~ Claim 6, wherein the feed ~~(70)~~ is provided with a shut-off member ~~(72)~~, and the receiving container ~~(16)~~ is provided with a discharge ~~(76)~~ for removing exudate from the receiving container ~~(16)~~, which discharge ~~(76)~~ is provided with a shut-off member ~~(78)~~.

15. (Currently Amended) Assembly according to claim 14, wherein the feed ~~(70)~~ and discharge ~~(76)~~ are provided on opposite sides of the receiving container ~~(16)~~.

16. (Currently Amended) Assembly according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~ ~~6-15~~ Claim 6, wherein the collection container ~~(16)~~ comprises a filter ~~(74)~~.

17. (Currently Amended) Assembly according to ~~one of the preceding claims 6-16~~ Claim 6, wherein the wall of the collection container ~~(16)~~ comprises an air-permeable filter ~~(82)~~.

18. (Currently Amended) Collection container for collecting exudate originating from a wound, obviously intended for a wound drainage device for using reduced pressure to discharge exudate originating from a wound, which device comprises a housing which comprises a vacuum chamber for receiving a collection container with a feed opening for collecting exudate, and means for generating a reduced pressure in the space between the inner wall of the vacuum chamber and a collection container which is accommodated therein during operation, wherein the said means for generating a reduced pressure comprise gas-transformer means for using pressurized gas to form a reduced pressure, which means on the pressure side are in communication with a pressure-resistant gas compartment and on the vacuum side are in communication with the vacuum chamber, the gas compartment being provided in the housing and having a coupling for connection to an external gas source, the collection container according to one of the preceding claims 1-5 or the assembly according to one of the preceding claims 6-17 comprising a flexible receiving container ~~(16)~~, which is in communication with a feed ~~(70)~~ for conveying exudate from the wound to the receiving container ~~(16)~~, and a cover ~~(50)~~, comprising a closure rim ~~(52)~~, such that the cover ~~(50)~~ can be positioned on an opening of a vacuum chamber ~~(14)~~ in a unique way.

19. (Currently Amended) Collection container according to claim 18, wherein the closure rim (52) is in the shape of an ellipse composed of two ellipse parts (53) of different eccentricity which adjoin one another.

20. (Currently Amended) Collection container ~~for collecting exudate originating from a wound, in particular according to claim 18-19, obviously intended for a wound drainage device according to one of the preceding claims 1-5 or the assembly according to one of the preceding claims 6-17, comprising a flexible receiving container (16) which is in communication with a feed (70) for conveying exudate from the wound to the receiving container (16), which feed (70) is provided with a shut-off member (72), and a discharge (76) for removing exudate from the receiving container, which discharge (76) is provided with a shut-off member (78)~~ according to Claim 18, wherein the feed is provided with a shut-off member, and a discharge for removing exudate from the receiving container, which discharge is provided with a shut-off member.

21. (Currently Amended) Collection container according to claim 20, wherein the feed (70) and discharge (76) are provided on opposite sides of the receiving container (16).

22. (Currently Amended) Collection container according to ~~one of the preceding claims 18-21~~ Claim 18, wherein the collection container comprises a filter ~~(74)~~.

23. (Currently Amended) Collection container according to ~~one of the preceding claims 18-22~~ Claim 18, wherein the wall of the collection container comprises an air-permeable filter ~~(82)~~.

24. (Currently Amended) Collection container according to ~~one of the preceding claims 18-23~~ Claim 18, wherein the cover ~~(50)~~ is provided with a closable feed opening ~~(58)~~ for supplying auxiliaries, ~~with~~ which feed opening ~~(58)~~ is in communication with the receiving container ~~(16)~~.

25. (Currently Amended) Collection container according to claim 24, wherein a septum ~~(96)~~ is provided in the feed opening ~~(58)~~.

26. (Currently Amended) Collection container according to ~~one of the preceding claims 24-25~~ Claim 24, wherein a lid ~~(60)~~ is provided for closing the feed opening ~~(58)~~ again.

27. (Currently Amended) Collection container according to ~~one of the preceding claims 24-25~~ Claim 24, wherein a breakable lid ~~(60)~~ is provided for protecting the feed opening ~~(58)~~.